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Throwing Out the Life Line  
to Rescue the Perishing

*31st Annual Report*

SEPTEMBER 12, 1908

## **Pacific Garden Mission**


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100 E. Van Buren St., Chicago



Thirty-One Years *of* Rescue Work at  
Pacific Garden Mission

SEPTEMBER 15, 1908

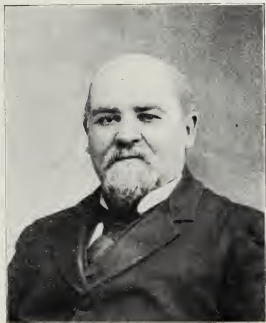


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## THE LATE COL. GEO. R. CLARKE,

Founder of the Pacific Garden Mission,

September 15th, 1877.

— "And their works do follow them."— Rev. 14:13.

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To Our Contributors, Helpers and Friends

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*"Again the ceaseless wheels of time  
Their annual round have driven."*

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WE stand on the threshold of another year. September 15, 1908, marks the most eventful in the history of this work. For over 11,000 consecutive nights, the meetings have been attended with unabated interest, where for 31 years the Mission has stood as a Light-house in the darkest part of our great city.

It would be impossible to convey the thrilling testimonies that fall from human lips nightly, when touched by the mighty power of God. As the witnesses go forth to magnify His name, they are reproduced in the lives of others, influences reaching to the uttermost parts of the earth. England, Ireland, Scotland and the Isles of the Sea, from near and far the good news reaches us that the results of this work has set in motion influences that will never cease.

Practical results are happy homes, husbands and fathers restored to their families, wives and children made happy, multitude rescued, and the world made better.

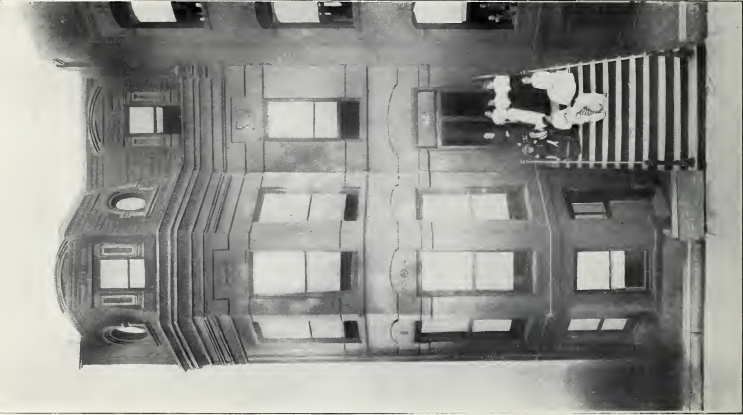
The magnitude of this work will never be known until Eternitie's records are disclosed. Little did we think 31 years ago that so humble a beginning would be attended with such remarkable results, and today be recognized as foremost among Rescue Missions.

While scepticism, infidelity, higher criticism and all other "Isms" have been agitating the minds of the people, the Great Jehovah has been performing miracles that bring to *naught* all theories and speculations conceived by finite minds.

The Old Book is still demonstrating it has *not* lost its power, and no weapon formed against it will prosper.

*"Cling to the Bible."*

*Tis the anchor of hope and the lamp that gives light  
Tis the star that will shine thro' your life's darkest night,  
If you follow its guidance, you'll always be right,  
So cling to the Bible and walk in its light.*



A Home for Homeless Girls.



## A Great Need



AN important auxiliary has been added to the Mission during the past year—  
“A Home for Homeless Girls.”

The great need of a christian home where girls homeless, friendless and almost hopeless, needing a warning voice and helping hand to protect them from the many allurements of a great city, and when almost driven to desperation, with a heart yearning for some kind word and human sympathy, to be betrayed by some designing monster that has robbed her of her *all*—(Gods noblest gift) when an open door, a kind word and loving heart might have shielded her from utter disgrace.

It is a lamentable fact—of the present day to see how many of our beautiful innocent girls are being victimized by some heartless villian who holds up his head high in society, while his victim is crushed to the earth.

While calling in a large apartment wholly given up to “roomers” as usual talking and praying with them, one lonely girl testified in a Mission not long after “that it was not so much what the lady said, but when she went away she put her arms around me

and kissed me, it was the first kiss of affection I had had for four years since I left my mother, *that* was the key that unlocked the door of my heart.

*"Do you know the world is dying for a little bit of love?"*

There has been no solicitation for this work, but we bring it before the public, trusting its merits will commend it to your favorable consideration and any contribution sent to Mrs. Geo. D. Elderkin, Treas., 106 N. Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park will be thankfully received.

*All along lifes pathway there are Souls in need:*

*Go and help somebody just now.*

*With a word of kindness or a loving deed,*

*Go and help somebody just now.*

## Another Important Department Considered

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AMONG the many converts are found men of unusual ability and intelligence and it has become a great and serious problem, how to utilize their gifts and find opportunities for their development.

To this end it is thought another Mission could be successfully and profitably maintained, to extend the usefulness of this rapidly growing work.

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The business men's quartette continue to render most efficient service by their inspiring songs, both at the Mission and on the Gospel Wagon.

These gentlemen sing the Gospel in the good old fashion way, with the spirit and understanding also, and multitudes of the hopeless and discouraged have been awakened to the fact that life is worth living and through the sweet ministry of song have been won to a better life.

They have become an important factor of the Mission; may they be long spared to sing His praises.

## Does Prison Work Pay?

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WHO will ever know the vast number that attribute the first impulse to a better life, formed while in the seclusion of a prison cell—alone with God.

The world will never know how many, when sitting in judgment upon themselves, have learned the great secret, that it takes an *Omnipotent Power* to change the current of their lives, and give them deliverance from the power of sin, enabling them to go forth not to live a *new purpose*, but a *new life*.

Many of these unfortunate ones, not remaining criminals from choice, but because they have never known there was an antidote provided for the deepest dyed criminals, "a scarlet atonement for a scarlet sin," whereby the power of evil possessing them could be eradicated from their lives, and they no longer victims. While some do not seemingly heed the kindly admonition given, yet we believe the promise of God will be fulfilled, that "His word will not return void," and sometime—somewhere—the fruition of their hopes will be realized.

If Mr. A. could speak for himself when 14 years ago he bowed in his cell as a poor forlorn sinner, and surrendered himself to God, and has since been testifying of His

saving grace—Mr. B. after leading a criminal life for years, but when touched by the mighty power of God, came forth to become a preacher of the gospel, and has since been magnifying the grace that brought his deliverance—Mr. C. a desponding infidel, persuaded to believe there was efficacy in prayer, and in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ—if the multitude of witnesses who have been saved through the faithfulness of prison workers were known, the verdict would be—*it pays*.

*“Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,  
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.”*

Our kindly acknowledgement is due to Mr. Will J. Davies, the present Jailer and his assistants for their continued courtesy and many favors.

### A Business Man's Reflection.

“The cost of a drink, what is it, a lost reputation and character, lost home and a cell in prison! An awful price to pay to satisfy an unholy appetite—my heart aches with sorrow when I think of my awful past life. What a fool I was to think I could drink the vile stuff and not suffer the consequences—but thank God, at last I am clothed in



Women's Department—Cook County Jail.



Men's Department

my right mind and though in prison my spirit is free, would to God I could impress upon the mind of ever young man the danger that lies in the first glass."

"My past life fills me with horror and at times it seems it cannot be possibly true that God has forgiven me, but I know for a certainty that a great change has taken place in my life, not an oath has passed my lips since I knelt with you at my cell door. I have put my hands to the plow and with God's help do not intend to turn back."

"Well dear friend, I am learning the lesson here that I should have learned long ago. That what we sow, that shall we reap; for years I sowed to a world of sin and folly and am now reaping the harvest of sorrow. It was my own fault, I sinned not ignorantly of the law but blinded by liquor, I feel it is only just for me to receive punishment."

*"As we sow so shall we reap."*



How we reach the Masses.



## Fishing for Men



LUKE 14-21. We have a Divine comimssion for Gospel Wagon work. "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor and the mained and the halt and the blind" was the command of the Saviour. In this modern day there is no medium quite so attractive and profitable in reaching the masses as the Gospel Wagon.

All kinds and conditions of men and women are reached and it is not an uncommon sight to see two or three hundred lost and hopeless ones with uplifted faces taking in every word of cheer and hope that the Gospel of Christ affords, and the thrilling testimonies and pathetic songs rendered by the Business Men's Quartette whose singing has been so signally blessed. An impassioned appeal is made for the people to repent and give themselves to Christ.

What a sight follows—can you imagine in one of Chicago's busy and wickedest thoroughfares, 25 or 30 men raising their hands for prayer and then in the old time way 15 or 20 of these bow their knees on the sidewalk, while a company of workers are distributed among them and they are pointed to the Lamb of God "That taketh away the sin of the world."

Each seeker is given a copy of the New Testament, many find there way to the Mission and often bear testimony that as the result of the Gospel Wagon meetings they were rescued from sinful lives. It pays—its practical—it gets results.

A  
View  
*of*  
Chinatown





Notorious  
South  
Clark  
Street

## The Business Men's Quartette.

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Mr. John F. Merrill—First Tenor.



Mr. W. D. Bowen—Second Tenor



Mr. E. B. Powen—First Bass



Mr. C. E. Coleman—Second Bass.

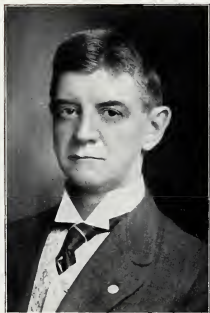
## He Has Fought a Good Fight



Mr. Geo. E. Wilson

22 years ago, while suffering from the effects of a whirlwind life, a strange vision came to me of the awful consequences of sin, I saw myself a lost man and became alarmed, was warned by this admonition to go to Pacific Garden Mission where I had often been entreated to give my heart to God—discouraged, dishardened and friendless I there found the friend of friends, who healed my broken heart and set the captive free. 22 years have passed away, and as I recall His loving kindness to even me, my glad heart says in the language of the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord to my Soul and forget not all His benefits."

## A Brand Plucked from the Burning



Mr. T. V. Adams.

It is my purpose to write briefly what the Pacific Garden Mission has done for me. My young manhood was spent under the most pleasant environments—An indulgent father and mother and every advantage, that a young man might desire to make life a success—A prosperous business, happy domestic relations and in fact prospect for a bright future—But alas, the dark hour came and all I held near and dear was sacrificed, that the awful appetite for drink, gambling and kindred associations might be gratified.

I became a helpless hopeless, booze fighter, from the gilded saloon to the lowest brothel, from the Pullman coach to the cattle car, from a successful salesman to a hobo, utterly hopeless I had made up my mind to end my miserable existence.

It was at this crisis the spirit of God directed my foot steps to the dear old Mission, I was awakened to my awful condition and seemed to hear the sweet voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and I will give you rest," and when I heard the redeemed men testify, that God had saved them and broken chains similar to mine, then dear old Col. Clarke came and pleaded with me to give my heart to the Saviour and that dark night a poor helpless drunkard, I bowed at Jesus's feet and raised the cry that never fails to bring relief, "God have mercy on me a Sinner" and praise the Lord the captive was set free. Time has rolled by, there has been many storms and testings, but I can say today that Jesus sweetly saves and I am kept by His mighty power.

## Let Us Introduce You to a Modern' Miracle



Mr. Wm. Dinganan

When our country needed volunteers in the dark days of '61, when our honored President issued his famous call for volunteers to defend our country's flag, the subject of this sketch shouldered his musket and said to his country, "Here am I," send me, and for three years in the battlefield of the south, proved himself a brave soldier, but alas, the demon of whiskey had bound him with chains that no human power could sever, a broken hearted wife—a ruined home.

Once in prospered business, all sacrificed on the altar of Bacus, but thank God one day while a helpless wander in the street I happened to meet my dear wife and she took pity on me and pleaded with me in my rags, to go to Pacific Garden Mission where she believed the Lord would help me. I shall never forget that eventful night when I bowed under the old clock and asked the Lord to have mercy upon me and forgive me, and there the Lord heard my cry and broke the awful chains of sin.

Now a happy wife, a pleasant home and association with one of the city churches. The preacher occupies the pulpit but I have the privilege of ringing the church bell which speaks to the whole community:

*Ring the bells of Heaven, there is joy to-day,  
For a soul returneth from the world,  
See the Father meets him out upon the way,  
Welcoming the weary wandering child.*

## A Marvel of Grace.



Mr. S. M. Connor

No unworthiness of mine can be traced to early influences for I was reared by faithful christian parents; my early manhood was actively identified with church, sunday school and temperance work—though knowing nothing of my need of a Savior.

Later I came to Chicago where I secured and held for eight years a responsible position with a large corporation. Having no anchor I drifted into association with drinking men. From this point the descent was sure and rapid, and finally I found myself without a position, without money, without friends, and without hope. In this deplorable condition I began to think, I knew I alone was responsible, and I knew also that God alone could help me. With this conviction in my soul I wandered about the city, the clouds hanging lower and ever lower over me, till one night the Spirit of God led me into the Pacific Garden Mission which has been to thousands before me the very gate of heaven to burdened souls. There I gave my heart and surrendered my will and my life to Jesus. He pardoned my sins, gave me a clean heart, made me a new creature, and has daily led me step by step. I have had trials and temptations, but through His help and power I have triumphed over them. My testimony is:—The power of the blood of Jesus Christ not only can save but can keep safely *all* who put their trust in Him. I praise and thank Him for salvation from sin and shame and for making a new man of me. And to all who have met like defeat without Him I wish to say that *with* Him there is no defeat, but a victorious life. What He has done for me He can do for you.



## Contributions

### A

Atwood, Mr. F. M.....	\$ 50.00
Adams, Mr. and Mrs. T. V.....	5.00

### B

Blackstone, Mrs. I. F.....	150.00
Black, Mr. John C.....	25.00
Bowen, Mr. W. D.....	23.00
Brown, Mr. John H.....	25.00
Brown, Mr. Thos. Jr.....	10.00
Bently, Mr. C.....	10.00
Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. B. B.....	10.00
Bilhorn, Mr. and Mrs. P. P.....	70.00
Berentson, Mr. H. B.....	5.00
Burrell, Mrs. Carrie.....	3.00
Bowen, Miss Grace.....	1.00
Burham, Mr. J. A.....	16.00

### C

Chapin, Mr. S. B.....	200.00
Calvery, Mr. and Mrs. James.....	30.00
Copeland, Mr. J. R.....	25.00

Carpenter, Mrs. E. C.....	2.00
Craw, Mr. J.....	1.00
Conner, Mr. S. M.....	12.00
Cash .....	5.00
Campbell, Mr. A. H.....	5.00
Cramer, Mr. Geo. ....	1.00
Coulson, Mr. Edward .....	10.00

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Pacific Garden Mission.....	\$1,216.01
St. Paul's Ev'g., Longwood.....	128.00
Oak Park 1st. Cong.....	108.60
Kenwood Evgl. ....	50.00
Medows, Salem S. S.....	6.20
First Holland Reformed .....	5.00
Morgan Park Thanksgiving offering..	26.36
Longwood Thanksgiving offering ...	6.35
Ravenswood Thanksgiving offering...	27.06
Morgan Park Congl. S. S.....	6.85
Second Presby. Young Men's B. C.....	5.00
Muscatine Iowa Union Meeting. Pr.	
Rev. W. A. Sunday.....	106.15

First Baptist Y. P. S.....	12.66	Durst, Mr. S. ....	5.00
Lombard First Congl. ....	9.50	Dunlap, Mrs. E. M.....	1.00
Oak Park First M. E. S. S.....	9.40		
Granvill Congl. ....	13.39	<b>E</b>	
New England B. C. ....	10.00	Eagan, Mr. Owen C.....	10.00
Bloomington Union, Pr. Rev. W. A.		Ewing, Mr. E. ....	2.00
Sunday .....	90.00	Edwards, Mr. C. L.....	1.00
Second Presby., C. E. S.....	5.00		
Sixth Presby., Mr. Lafayette McWil-		<b>F</b>	
liams .....	100.00	Fingerhuth, Mrs. Lena .....	28.40
Cash .....	22.59	Friend .....	5.00
Decatur Union Col. Pr. Rev. W. A.	122.59	Fife, Miss Mary .....	2.00
Sunday .....	72.29	Fingerhuth, Mr. W. ....	5.00
Central Park Presby. ....	5.00	Fordham, Mr. H. F.....	2.00
Charleston Union Col., Pr. Rev. W. A.		Friend .....	5.00
Sunday .....	50.28	Friend .....	10.00
First Reformed .....	5.00	Friend .....	100.00
Sharen, Pa., Union .....	198.10		
Pr. Rev. W. A. Sunday		<b>G</b>	
Clinton Union .....	33.00	Gibbons, Mr. Geo. Tiskilwa, Ill. ....	155.00
		Geusun, Mr. Geo. W.....	15.00
<b>D</b>		Gates, Mr. F. W. ....	10.00
DeWolf, Mr. Frances.....	15.00		
Douglas, Mr. W. A.....	25.00	<b>H</b>	
Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.....	30.00	Harding, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.....	365.00
Dumbeck, Mr. H. ....	1.00	Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlet.....	100.00
		Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. ....	5.00

Higgins, Mrs. M. E. ....	100.00	Munson, Rev. W. C. ....	5.00
Hemingway, Mr. L. D. ....	5.00	Matson, Mr. H. ....	2.00
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Holt, Mr. Chas. ....	25.00	Mabee, Mr. J. S. ....	5.00
Hooker, Mr. H. M. ....	100.00	Maple, Mr. O. M. ....	2.00
Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. ....	5.00		
Hubbard, Mrs. M. A. ....	50.00	<b>N</b>	
<b>J</b>		Northwood, Miss Emely. ....	5.00
Jacobs, Mr. Wm. B. ....	25.00	Niver, Mr. D. V. ....	5.00
<b>K</b>		<b>P</b>	
Kup, Mrs. Harriett S. ....	25.00	Pullman, Mrs. Geo. M. ....	50.00
Kellogg, Miss J. C. ....	5.00	<b>R</b>	
Kellogg, Mrs. Nora E. ....	5.00	Robertson, Mr. Henry ....	5.00
<b>L</b>		Roach, Mr. L. M. ....	35.00
Lawson, Mr. Victor F. \$200 for '07 and \$300 for '08 ....	500.00	Right, Mr. S. H. ....	8.00
Law, Miss Elen C. and Miss Ina Law Robertson ....	100.00	Racene, Mr. Geo. P. ....	5.00
Lewis, Miss Alice S. ....	10.00	Ranney, Miss S. ....	2.50
<b>M</b>		<b>S</b>	
McCormick, Mrs. C. W. ....	100.00	Stofer, Mr. C. R. ....	30.00
Manson, Mr. R. D. ....	60.00	Sullivan, Mr. J. J. ....	2.00
		Sumers, Mr. A. C. ....	2.00
		Swift, Mrs. H. N. ....	1.00
		Stockwell, Mrs. M. H. ....	2.00

Shinn, Miss H. E..... 31.00

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Templeton Mr. Thos. .... 25.00  
 Trobridge. Mr. L. A..... 10.00  
 Thorne, Mr. W. .... 5.00

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Unknown ..... 5.00  
 Unknown ..... 10.00

Webb, Mr. Geo. D..... 50.00  
 Williams, Rev. and Mrs. E. M..... 50.00  
 Wilson, Mr. Geo. .... 12.00  
 Wakefield, Mr. W. D..... 5.00  
 Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. E. W..... 13.00  
 Wendell, Mr. and Mrs. John..... 10.00  
 Whitford, Mr. Geo. N..... 1.00  
 Watson, Mr. L. .... 2.00

Amount contributed .....\$5,495.69

Sarah D. Clarke, Supt..... 1,234.22

Total Contributions .....\$6,729.91

Expenses for "Home for Girls" Sarah D. Clarke.....\$700.00

**Endowment Fund**

Messrs. Trobridge & Niver ..... 100.00  
 Estate of Mr. Charles R. Dunlap... 500.00

## Endowment Effort

For some months our friends have been organizing an effort to raise an endowment fund of One hundred thousand dollars; the interest only of this fund to be paid to this Mission and its successors for all time.

It has been arranged that The Northern Trust Company of Chicago shall be the Trustee of this fund.

Subscriptions are being taken on condition that none are binding unless the full amount is subscribed by January 1st, 1910.

We hope no annual givers will discontinue their gifts on this account, as we trust the work can be enlarged and other similar Missions established.

We do not propose to elaborate these premises, as that might deter many unfortunate ones from entering. We want to continue the Pacific Garden Mission and similar missions just as this work has been conducted for the past 31 years.

It should also be remembered that the results of this effort may not be known until the Fall of 1909.

The following persons compose our Endowment Fund Committee:

S. B. Chapin	Harry Monroe	Mrs. T. B. Blackstone	D. W. Potter
H. M. Hooker	J. A. Burhans	Mrs. C. M. Henderson	Chas. E. Harding
A. E. Wells	Geo. D. Elderkin	Mrs. Geo. D. Elderkin	Samuel Pike
Samuel W. Packard	Rev. W. A. Sunday	Mrs. Sarah D. Clarke	F. M. Atwood

If you are interested and would like to see the form of the Trust Agreement, subscription paper, etc., kindly address F. M. Atwood, N. W. Corner Madison and Clark Sts., Chicago, Ill.

Pacific Garden Mission in Account with  
Sarah D. Clarke, Treasurer.

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CURRENT EXPENSES.

Rent of Mission Hall, Salaries and Relief Fund	-	-	-	\$5,955.00
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INCIDENTALS.

Electric Light, Printing and Mission Repairs	-	-	-	-	774.91
Total	-	-	-	-	<u>\$6,729.91</u>

The Pacific Garden Mission is a corporation regularly organized under the laws of Illinois and can receive and hold property by will or otherwise.

## Form of Bequest to be Used in a Will.

*I give to the Pacific Garden Mission..... Dollars.  
and I hereby authorize my executor to pay said sum to the person who shall be  
acting as Treasurer of said corporation.*

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### Board of Trustees.

Mr. Samuel W. Packard

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Elderkin

Rev. W. A. Sunday

Mr. Frederick M. Atwood

Mr. Samuel Pike

Mrs. Sarah D. Clarke

## Our Thanks.

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We tender the public our sincere thanks for their generous contributions to the mission and for various donations. Contributions on testaments by the Chicago Bible Society; Montgomery Ward & Co., coffee and sugar for Xmas; Mr. E. A. Branch, for use of piano; Women's Guild of America, for clothing; James White Paper Co., for paper.

We are especially indebted to the Moody Bible Institute for their valuable co-operation, and various other ministers and evangelists who have kindly rendered their assistance, to all the converts of the Mission and all our old friends.

SARAH D. CLARK, Supt.

HARRY MONROE, Asst.









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